



YOU CAN MAKE A **DECLARATION** AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

EXPRESS YOUR WILL ON ORGAN AND
TISSUE **DONATION**



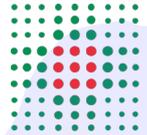
DO YOU WANT TO REGISTER YOUR CHOICE WITH THE MUNICIPALITY?

The citizen is offered the service of registering the declaration of intent on organ and tissue donation for transplant purposes, at the time of renewal or issuance of the identity card. The citizen is not obliged to express himself but the registry officer will have to ask the question to complete the procedure for issuing the identity card. Therefore the citizen is given the possibility to choose between these three options:

 **I AGREE TO DONATION:** means saying YES to organ donation, whether the citizen registers it for the first time or reconfirms it again (if previously issued to AIDO or ASL) and it will always be the last one in terms of time.

 **I DO NOT AGREE TO DONATION:** means that I declare myself not in favour, that is, I say NO to the donation and, in case there are previous registered declarations (AIDO or ASL), the latest one in terms of time will always be valid.

 **I DO NOT EXPRESS MYSELF:** it does not change the citizen's current situation, that is, if he had already declared his will previously (AIDO or ASL), this will not be changed; if he had not declared himself previously, he will never be registered in the Transplant Information System.



ARE YOU NOT INFORMED ENOUGH?

— WHY DONATE YOUR ORGANS? Every year, thanks to transplants, thousands of people find an effective cure and return to a full life. Those who have received a transplant can resume their lives, return to work, play sports and have children.

— WHEN DOES THE DONATION HAPPEN? Only after everything has been done to save the patient, but death comes inevitably and is confirmed. A particular condition is brain death, a definitive and irreversible state in which the brain no longer functions and will never function again due to the complete destruction of brain cells.

— CAN YOU BE A LIVING DONOR? There are some organs, such as the kidney and liver, that can be donated by a living person. Bone marrow and umbilical cord blood can only be donated by a living person. There is always a need for new donors to defeat diseases such as leukemia.

— UP TO WHAT AGE CAN ORGANS AND TISSUES BE DONATED? There are no age limits: in particular, corneas and livers are frequently suitable for collection even from elderly donors.

— IS IT POSSIBLE TO KNOW WHO WILL RECEIVE THE ORGANS? No. It is not possible to know the name of the donor or the recipient because the organs are assigned based on the emergency conditions and the clinical and immunological compatibility of the people waiting for the transplant and the privacy of both is guaranteed.

— DO PATIENTS PAY TO RECEIVE AN ORGAN? No. It is illegal to buy or sell human organs: the donation is always free and anonymous. The costs of the transplant are covered by the National Health Service.

— ARE RELIGIOUS CONFESSIONS FOR OR AGAINST ORGAN PROTECTION? The main religious confessions are in favor of organ donation. They all recommend that donation be the result of a free choice and not of coercion.

Read all the questions and answers on the website
www.trapianti.salute.gov.it

OTHER METHODS OF DECLARATION

The choice to donate organs and tissues and to declare one's will is a right for the citizen and can exercise it at any time and through five methods valid for Italian Law.

IF YOU ARE OF AGE, YOU CAN EXPRESS YOUR WILL TO DONATE ORGANS AND TISSUES IN FIVE WAYS:

- 1.** At the Municipal Registry Office, when issuing or renewing the identity card.
- 2.** At one of the URP offices of your local health authority, by filling out the appropriate form.
- 3.** By registering with Aido or through the Aido App.
- 4.** By filling out the Ministry's blue card, downloadable online. The card must be signed, dated and kept among your personal documents.
- 5.** By writing a declaration with your own hands on a blank sheet of paper, also called a "holographic deed", complete with date and signature. This declaration must also be kept among your personal documents.

- The first three modalities are recorded directly in the SIT, the database of the National Transplant Center. Your declaration can be modified at any time.

Hospital Procurement Coordination (COP)

The Hospital Procurement Coordination (COP) is responsible for coordinating all activities related to organ and tissue donation. In the Ferrara area the offices are located:

- **"S. Anna" Hospital of Cona.**
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